

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Makoto KOBAYASHI et al.

Rule 53(b) Continuing Application of
Application No. 10/281,202,
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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING BUS BARS FOR CENTRALIZED POWER DISTRIBUTION
UNIT (As Amended)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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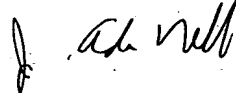
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.

- ☒ 3. The references were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. 10/281,202, filed October 28, 2002, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d).
- ☒ 4. Co-pending U.S. patent applications are identified on Form PTO 1449 of this Information Disclosure Statement. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

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	1	USSN 10/281,115	10/28/02	Kobayashi et al.			
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	4	JP-A-2000-197311 (w/ Abstract)	07/14/2000	Japan			
	5	JP-A-2002-186233 (w/ Abstract)	06/28/2002	Japan			
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